#### INDIAN RUNNING DUCK.

A Hardy Breed Which Responds Readily to Good Feeding and a Little Care.

The Indian running duck is what might be called an all-around practical duck, says Walter E. Delano, in the American Poultry Journal. The gencral make-up of these ducks seems to be unlike many others, inasmuch as they have so many points in their fa-

First, the color and plumage are very attractive, being of a fawn color mixed with white, the drakes having a steel blue cap, with a distinct white line runming from the eye around the back of the head to the eye opposite, the pure white neck, the fawn colored breast and back, tapering off with white in wing flights and tail. They are strong and erect, alert in every motion and very hardy.

Second, their laying qualities are such that they have been called and are known to-day as the Leghorn of the duck family. One breeder claims for one individual duck a record of 192 eggs per year.

It is very fascinating for one to collect eggs from these ducks after once starting to lay, and they generally start in with me in February. It is a common occurrence to bring in just as many eggs as there are ducks.

Third, as a market duck, they grow very rapidly, and while they consume much less food in proportion than the Pekin, at ten weeks old will dress ten pounds to the pair, and in comparing the pair I find the runner smaller boned, but heavier meated.

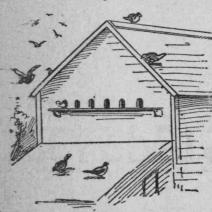
Success with these ducks, like everything else, depends solely on feed and care. In the center of an acre lot adjoining my place is a pond fed by springs about 100 feet across. On the shore of this pond is my duck house, where the ducks are wintered. In the breeding season I select my breeders, putting one drake with every five ducks, and as soon as the ice is out of the pond the ducks are allowed the use of it through the day, but are called into their house for supper at night, thus making it easy to collect the eggs in the morning.

One of the most essential things in raising ducks is that they have dry thick the full width of the frame, and quarters to sleep in and pure air to breathe. Little attention need be given to making tight houses as long as they care kept dry at night. They will stand some very cold weather. For their bedding I use plenty of lawn clippings and clover hay, and it is surprising to see how much a flock of 50 will consume through the winter.

#### PROFIT IN PIGEONS.

They Need But Little Care and the Raising of Squahs Is Remunerative Work.

Pigeons need the least care of any poultry and raising squabs is agreeable-and profitable work. To raise them on a large scale, a proper loft must be constructed. A suitable place for them is on a floor, in the top of a | C by the handles, as shown. barn. The size of a loft does not mathigh enough and away from rats and a mixture of two parts clean, fine sand cats. Cut small holes in the south and one of cement. The more cement tom. Nail boxes for nests along the be. Put this final coating on with a sides. The less you handle young trowel. When the whole block is coat-



SUITABLE PIGEON LOFT.

pigeons the better. Do not keep too much food lying around, as the birds grow lazy.

Keep fresh water handy to drink and bathe in. Pigeons that are housed the year around are liable to disease and lice. Sprinkle their nests occasionally with a little powdered sulphur and whitewash the house frequently. Squabs are ready for market after they are feathered out. Homers are among the best for squab raising. They are quick growers, vigorous, active, strong feeders, and their plumpness makes them attractive in market. The stronger and larger the hen pigeon the better results will be obtained .- Orange Judd Farmer.

### POULTRY PARAGRAPHS.

There are no lice on incubator and brooder chicks. This is one advantage in artificial rearing.

Throw the grit for the ducks in their drinking water. They like to fish for it. Just watch them go for water and this grit while feeding.

A little charred corn twice a week will help to keep the combs of the hens red and the plumage glossy. This means plenty of eggs.

Many a case of cold in the head and incipient roup is due to winds striking the fowls at night on the perches. Look out for your fowls.

The young broods should be sheltered from the spring winds. The coops should be inside of open sheds, or be protected by buildings, fences or wind-

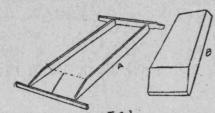
breaks of corn fodder. A correspondent writes in the Farm Journal that his business is fruit, poulfry, truck and dairying. This is a splendid combination of industries. The poultry can make meat and eggs out of the waste of the other three. But he must have his hands full of



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Durable stands for beehives are made of concrete and described by Albert Gale in the Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales. They harbor no vermin or insects, do not shrink or warp, never require painting and being considerably larger than the hive there is always a clear space around it and easy entrance for the bees when coming from the fields loaded with honey. The bee entrance can be contracted to nil or expanded to 21/2x9 inches, so that the bees can fly directly in among the combs if it be so desired. The entrance has a fall of 21/2

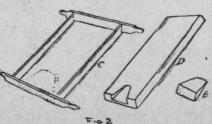


PLAIN CONCRETE FLOOR. inches in 9 inches, so no rain can beat

therein.

The diagrams are lettered A to E. A is the frame in which B was molded. The bevel of it is 9x18 inches. It gives a full width entrance to an eight or a ten-frame hive. D was molded in the frame C and differs from B in having a shoulder on each side the entrance for the hive to rest on. At the same time it gives protection from cold surrents of air sweeping underneath the hive. E is the tongue which forms the entrance. In making these floors proceed thus:

Select the site, place the molding frame thereon, first ramming the soil firmly down, and true the frame with a spirit level. Fill in about 1 inch about 10 inches on the end where the shoulders of the floor are, with concrete made of two parts sand and one of cement. Insert the tangue, as shown in C, then fill in the remaining



CONCRETE: FLOOR WITH EXTRANCE: portion of the frame with concrete, level with the top of the frame. Leaveall to stand for 24 hours or more. Takeout the tongue E and lift the frame

The block will appear wery rough, ter, one 15x30 feet is large enough. Get | but finish it off with a thin coating off side of the loft, as shown, and place an is used in this final coating the mone alighting board on a level with the bot- impervious to dampness will the blook trowel. When the whole block is coated, if it be rubbed over with a piece of old bagging made very wet, there will be a very good smooth surface. The concrete can be formed with gravel. concrete can be formed with gravel. sand and cement, one part of the latter to two of the former; or fill in the frame with broken bricks, stones, etc., and pour in the mixture of sand and cement until the frame is full, when the whole mass may be gently rammed together.

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